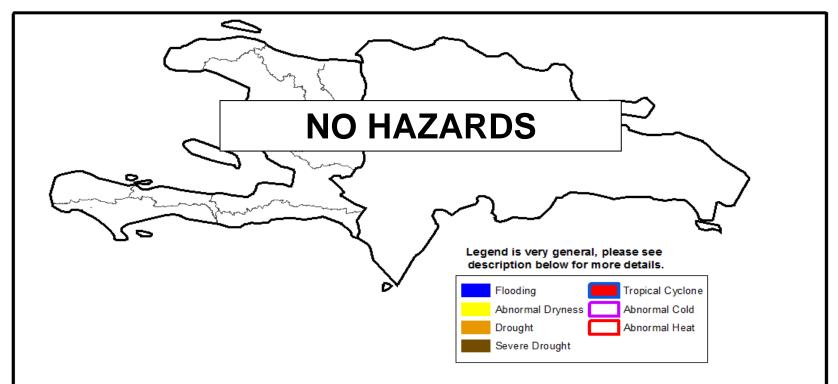


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook April 3 – April 9, 2014

Increased rains are expected to continue over Hispaniola during the next outlook period.



During the past week, heavy rains fell over the Ouest department of Haiti and bordering western Dominican Republic, while little to no rainfall was observed over the eastern half of Hispaniola, including central and eastern Dominican Republic. This past week's enhanced rains have helped to slightly reduce thirty-day rainfall deficits across the dry portions of the Island. However, moderate to strong negative anomalies ranging between 50 and 100 mm remained over parts of the Sud, Centre, and Nord Est departments of Haiti and northwestern and northeastern Dominican Republic. In the Dominican, Republic, the National Weather Service has already recommended a rational use of water countrywide, particularly, over the south, southwest, and northwest due to the lack of rainfall over the past several weeks. Rainfall is, however, expected to increase during April. For next week, the passage of frontal systems and dominating easterly winds are forecast to enhance rainfall over Hispaniola. Moderate to heavy showers are possible over isolated areas of the southern Peninsula and Ouest department of Haiti and the west-central and eastern parts of the Dominican Republic. Light to locally moderate rains are expected elsewhere. The forecast increase in rainfall should help to partially relieve moisture deficits and help cropping activities for the upcoming cycle over many local areas of Hispaniola.